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<b>Application of:</b>	Vandersall et al	<b>Group No.:</b>	1714
<b>Serial No.:</b>	09/978,401	<b>Atty. Docket No.:</b>	41482-26433
<b>Filed:</b>	10/16/2001		
<b>For:</b>	Biopolymer Thickened Fire Retardant Compositions	<b>Examiner:</b>	Peter Szekely

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

HONORABLE SIR:

Responsive to the official communication of March 21, 2003, Applicant elects Invention I (claims 1-20 drawn to composition, classified in class 536, subclass 114) without traverse.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of


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this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R.  
§ 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our  
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